



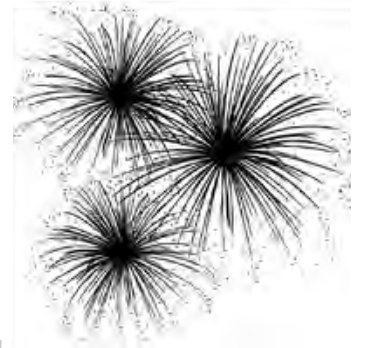
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Lot Sold

They Got Their Price

PERTH AMBOY - The City held an auction on June 5, 2014 to sell property located at 457 - 459 New Brunswick Ave. This property had been in the books for a couple of years. The minimum bid was \$180,000 and the property sold for \$210,000.

Despite the property being sold for over the minimum price, some residents were still not satisfied. These residents were concerned about the lost revenue that the City could have had while that lot was sitting empty and still on the books.

As you can see in the photo, people use this lot for parking whether it be for personal use or for patronizing local businesses.

Resident Stanley Sierakowski had said, "I have a background in real estate and that property could have easily gone for between \$200,000 - \$250,000."



PERTH AMBOY - 457-459 New Brunswick Ave. was finally sold by the City of Perth Amboy at auction *Photo by Katherine Massopust

Businesswoman Virginia Lugo asked, "Where was the auction advertised?"

B.A. Greg Fehrenbach answered, "It had been advertised in some of the daily publications and in the Guardian. It was sent out to all the local realtors and parties who were interested in the past. We based the minimum price for

the property on current sales for similar properties and the results of tax appeals in that area. One bidder appeared at the auction. We were motivated to sell this property. Sometimes properties sold by municipalities are listed in "as is" condition. That is why they may be sold at a lower price."

Fred Henry Wins Primary

O'Connell to Challenge?

SOUTH AMBOY - Middlesex County Clerk Elaine Flynn officially declared incumbent Mayor Fred Henry as the official winner of the Democratic Mayoral Primary held June 4, 2014. This was declared after the provisional, mail-in and machine totals were all tabulated.

John O'Connell, who had the backing of the South Amboy Democratic Party expects to challenge the election results. Totals were as follows: Henry 580 votes and O'Connell: 577 votes.

Henry ran for Mayor in 2010 and was backed by the South Amboy Democratic Party. Other candidates included Independents: Mary O'Connor, Vincent Mackiel and John Dragotta. Mary O'Connor came in second by twelve votes. Some of those ballots were challenged before it was



Fred Henry
580 Votes

finally determined that Henry won by one vote.

O'Connell has until Wednesday, June 18, 2014 to file papers to request a recount of all of the votes.

As it stands, Henry will run unopposed in November since there are no other candidates running for Mayor.

A Plea For Help

Asking For Council's Support in Keeping Their Pastor

PERTH AMBOY - 5/28/14 & 6/11/14 City Council Meetings - They came before the Council to plead for help. It was some of the volunteers, clients and Salvation Army Workers who asked the Council for their support in helping them to retain their Pastor, Jose Santiago.

One speaker said, "Jose (Santiago) is an excellent administrator and we have grown 200% since he's been here. More people have come in off of the streets. He has initiated outreach programs with group activities and volunteers. We're a family - not just names or numbers. Some of the programs he has started are: an Angel Tree, Community Lunches and Men, Women and Youth Groups. He is bilingual. So we don't have to have two separate services. When he says something in English, he will automatically translate it into Spanish. Everyone is welcome to come to our services. You don't need money



Supporters of Perth Amboy Salvation Army Pastor Jose Santiago speak before the Council

*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

to put it in the collection plate. We also have a Community Food Pantry, a Winter Shelter and programs for Veterans. We sent a petition to the Salvation Army Headquarters in N.J. requesting them to help us to keep him. Headquarters responded that because the Pastor is single, they have to move him because they prefer to have a married couple here. Headquarters also acknowledged

that Santiago has done excellent work in Perth Amboy. We are praying that you (the Council) can help us."

The Council agreed to send a letter to the Salvation Army Headquarters to let them know that they recognize the importance of Pastor Santiago's work in the community.

The following week, supporters stood at the Salvation Army Perth Amboy location at



Supporters of Perth Amboy Salvation Army Pastor Jose Santiago protest his impending transfer *Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

the corner of State and Washington Streets. They held signs supporting Santiago and criticizing the Salvation Army for what they considered operating as a business instead of answering the needs of the community.

To add to the mix, Santiago supporters believe that sexual harassment charges that Santiago made before he came to Perth Amboy played a big role in his impending transfer. (See

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

The Same Old Waxworks

Presently, much of the time of the Council Meetings are taken up by individual grandstanding. The same complaints are being made by the same people.

After attending several Perth Amboy City Council Meetings, I found myself both tired and frustrated over the same redundancies from the same old waxworks – the same questions, the same answers over and over again. I really felt like I was sitting at the filming of a sitcom. I couldn't believe some of the questions that were asked to the Council Members.

Is it really that important – the identity of an LLC that will be distributing vending machines? To a certain degree, I could say, "yes," but it shouldn't be the crux of a discussion.

Is it so hard for the Council attendees to come up with appropriate questions? I dare the waxworks to run for office or ask to be appointed to a Board. Presently there are vacancies available on several Boards. Why not volunteer your time? Since you are already privately doing research and presenting it to the Council, why not make a difference and apply to sit on a Board?

If these individuals believe that they could do a better job than those presently in power, then by all means please run for office. Instead of hearing yourself speak and seeing yourself on television, do something that will make a difference. **Paul Wang**

There are some who truly put their money where their mouth are: One such person was the late Richard Piatkowski. He sat on Boards, attended almost every public meeting there was and tried to make a difference in the City.

Richard ran for both Council and Assembly and truly believed in his cause. Richard continued to run for office despite the fact that in his races most of time he came in last or next to last. Even after losing, he still attended the meet-

ings. He volunteered to sit on Boards, even with his health issues.

If you think you don't have a chance to win, look at Republican Congressman and Majority Leader Eric Cantor who was defeated by Tea Party Candidate David Brat for Virginia's 7th Congressional District. Brat only spent \$300,000 vs. \$5 million for Cantor. In this case, there was a real David who beat Goliath. So it is in the realm of possibilities that you can get elected.

You can even be a "write-in" as candidates as in South Amboy's BOE elections. Many times in South Amboy there will be 3 seats open and only 2 candidates running. The 3rd seat is often won by a "write-in."

If you do run and win, how will you react to an audience member such as yourselves?

Once Richard Piatkowski was thrown out of a City Council Meeting. His comments were not half as caustic as what is being thrown out by some present audience members.

I am not letting the Council off the hook either. There are times that some of their comments to the audience have been rude and uncalled for.

Just remember, the Council Meetings are a 2-Way street. Both the audience and Council should have mutual respect when addressing each other.

Carolyn Maxwell

As far as personal vendettas go, if you feel so strongly that someone has wronged the City, an individual or a group, present the proof and deliver it to the proper authorities. If you are not satisfied with the Council's response or inaction or actions, then go to a higher authority.

So tune in the next Council Meeting:

Same Bat Perth Amboy Time
Same Bat Perth Amboy Channel

If you feel you can do a better job than those in office, please run and make a difference. There's still time to put your petitions in. **Paul Wang**

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

First Strike

Well look at this - Iraq is ready for another war. So far those insurgents are cleaning house (shoot to kill). Iran said they will help - but who? The U.S. was there for about 10 years and did what it had to do. We paid the price with blood and graves and the wounded

are crying. As of now, the Pentagon has sent some navy ships and maybe some air support. It was said that the Middle East will be the start of a deadly war. I think this time that it will be for keeps. Let's look what's going on in the Ukraine - another civil war. There will be a time when a nation will do something - the so-called

unthinkable (A Nuclear First Strike). Many countries have nuclear weapons but will they use them? I'd hate to ask them. By the way, if the U.S. and Russia have a first nuclear strike, 2,500 nuclear warheads will be fired at the same time.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez.

Historic Preservation Commission vs. Board of Adjustment

During the public portion of the June 9th Caucus Meeting Mr. Reinaldo Aviles addressed the Council, and I paraphrase, "The Board of Adjustment has not been following procedure in that they have not been reporting directly to Historic Preservation Commission all their upcoming cases for

the Commission to review." First of all, the Commission has been in existence for four years now and either Mr. Aviles was missing or asleep during the numerous times I've gone before the Commission, as well as the City Council, in person and in writing asking when the map of Perth Amboy's historic sites and areas will be ready for review by the Planning Board and presented to the City Council for codification into a City Ordinance. You see without this map and ordinance the Board of Adjustment has no legal

justification to how some people, given a microphone and a chance to sound off, are completely infatuated with their own voice. I only wish some of them would take the time to check on the facts and not assume they are would take the time to check on the facts and not assume they are speaking for anyone, but themselves.

Thomas P. Ward, Chairman
Perth Amboy Zoning
Board of Adjustment

Judges and Standards

At a recent Council meeting a resident made several charges against Councilman Gonzalez's qualifications to become a municipal judge in Perth Amboy. Gonzalez responded to one charge, that he had a conflict by taking first time home buyers as clients but he did not respond to the charge that he illegally used the handicap placard of a deceased relative in order to make his life more comfortable at the expense of a truly handicapped person. Gonzalez revealed by this action that he believes that he is above the law, that the law does not pertain to him because of his imagined importance. Therefore in his eyes his convenience trumps that a handicapped individual who is not so important. The merits of the case were not heard by the judge, not because of the evidence which is indisputable, but because the statute of limitations had run out. When Gonzalez was first confronted on this issue in public his response was typical - he did not deny the allegations but bellicosely proclaimed he would not tolerate anyone attacking

his family. HUH. To this day Gonzalez has not apologized for this illegal use of a handicap placard to the residents of Perth Amboy, to the members of the City Council and to Mayor Diaz. I guess he does not have to apologize to the Mayor because she sees nothing wrong with his stealing the rights of the legitimately handicapped. After all Mayor Diaz believes Gonzalez possesses the attributes she is looking for in a Judge:

Independent Thinker - Gonzalez switched from being a Republican to a Democrat because he desired a seat on the City Council

Good Fundraiser - Gonzalez accepted a \$2,000 donation from a Gartland Company while a member of the BOE. Gartland was convicted of stealing \$2.6 million from our schools. The Attorney General said this money was stolen from the children of Perth Amboy.

Honest - Gonzalez refused to return the \$2,000 donation. Why? Because he already spent it.

Loyal - It is well known that

matter Mayor Diaz endorsed and lobbied for Gonzalez's election in 2010 he threatened to challenge her in 2012

Tough on crime - Except his own. Do as I say, not as I do.

Ethics, Morality and Character - I can't think of anything more telling when judging a man's character. Councilman Gonzalez before becoming a New Jersey attorney was required to demonstrate his fitness by showing the requisite traits of honesty, integrity and trustworthiness with the Committee on Character. Can anyone think of anything worse than stealing a handicap parking space by using a deceased man's handicapped placard for your own use. Maybe, just maybe stealing from a blind man's cup would be comparable.

What is truly puzzling is why Mayor Diaz and perhaps Senator Vitale would nominate the ethically challenged Kenneth Gonzalez to become a Perth Amboy Judge.

Of course if it is not true how about a statement from the Mayor. That would be nice.

David Caba

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Monthly Book Club

SEWAREN - There will be a monthly book club at the Sewaren Library, 546 West Ave, Sewaren. For more info call 732-634-7571 or email sewarenlibrary@gmail.com. We are looking for adults to join a book club starting in November. Please fill out the attached form if you are interested in joining us. Day and time will be determined by interest. The first Book will be Defending Jacob by William Landay.

Community Calendar

- Perth Amboy**
 THURS. Jun. 19 Board of Education, 6 p.m.
 PAHS, Eagle Ave.
 MON. Jun. 23 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.
 City Hall, High St.
 WED. Jun. 25 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
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- South Amboy**
 WED. Jun. 18 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
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Salvation Army

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Some of the same supporters came to the Council Meeting on 6/11/14 to give an update of what happened since their first appearance at the 5/28/14 Meeting. They said that they didn't get any response when they wrote to the hierarchy of the Salvation Army.

They again emphasized to the Council how the Pastor has welcomed people who are homeless or on drugs and has helped them.

A resident from Port Reading said, "The Pastor has brought

discipline to our children. They are taking him away after one year instead of the five they normally told him."

Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez who is an Advisory Board Member on the Salvation Army said, "Someone from the Salvation Army's Division Headquarters needs to speak to you. I spoke to Major George about meeting with Major Berry."

Supporters said that they sent correspondence to Incident Commander, Major Edgar George and Major Donald E. Berry, New Jersey's State Commander of The Salvation

Army. They asked for their help in retaining Santiago.

The supporters said, "Major Berry said that he will have a meeting with them, but he will not talk about Santiago."

They also said that Major George did respond to a newspaper reporter, "But will not talk to us."

Virginia Lugo who is also on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army said, "I know about the positive work that Lt. Santiago has done in the Community." She suggested that those who support Santiago contact the New York Office for assistance.

A Plea For Santiago

News Release

PERTH AMBOY - On behalf of the congregation of The Salvation Army- Perth Amboy Corps located at 433 State Street, Perth Amboy, NJ we are pleading your involvement as our Pastor is being retaliated against by The Salvation Army since he reported that he was sexually harassed. Instead of The Salvation Army protecting him they have mistreated him under the gender and sex discrimination clauses. He is a man of God, who is a great administrator and Pastor. He has been discriminated against because he is a single Pastor as The Salvation Army made it clear that they prefer married couples. Our Pastor is getting youth, children, men and women alike off the streets into our shelters and in our church services. Drug addicts are no longer relapsing, and homeless men are now part of our daily ministries. Our Pastor is trustworthy, honest, and a man full of integrity. He is an answer to our prayers as the congregation prayed for a man like him; a man on fire for God and with a passion to serve all in the name of Jesus. Our congregation has grown from 10 to 100 in at-

tendance in less than a year.

We are hurt as we have requested that the leaders of The Salvation Army come and speak to us concerning the retaliation of our Pastor as he is being prematurely moved to the Danbury, CT Corps. We were informed that he would be here by The Salvation Army for five years and now in less than one he is being ripped out our congregation in an ill manner. Please know that his (Lt. Jose A, Santiago) function here is as the Senior Pastor and Administrator, but he is being demoted as an Assistant Pastor for no reason. The leaders of The Salvation Army have treated us as throw-a-ways; as insignificant people and have not even taken the time to hear our cares. They have made us feel that we do not have a voice, yet they want our tithes and offerings and our investments of time and faithfulness to the organization.

We are not understanding how an institution (a church) which is suppose to help people, hurt one of their Pastors and not protect him but instead harass, mistreat and retaliate against. As American citizens were are

perplexed how in the United States of America there are laws that protect individuals from discrimination and harassment, but yet in this case because The Salvation Army says it is a church, the law will not protect our Pastor. In any other organization this would not be tolerated, but because the church card is being played it is ok. Really? Does that make sense to you? How can a charitable organization that accepts government funding talk out of both sides of the mouth and saying that it is a church. From what we have seen it is more a Social Services Agency and lucrative business than a church, but will conveniently use the church card to their defense to hurt our Pastor.

Please help us support our Pastor as we support the one who has invested, enriched, and worked diligently for the struggling and diverse authenticity of the Perth Amboy Community since he has arrived.

May God bless you!
Sincerely,
The Salvation Army congregational members

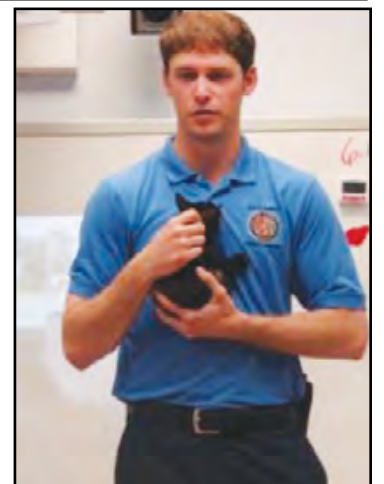
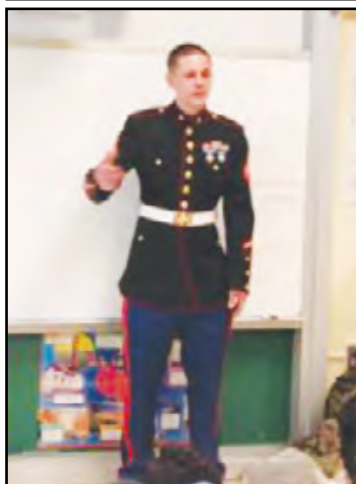
Adrienne Benberry
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A Santiago Supporter protests

*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

Richardson School Hosts its 19th Career Day!



Career Day at Richardson School *Photos by Hava Laor

By: Linda Nagy, School Counselor

PERTH AMBOY - On June 4, 2014, the Dr. Herbert N. Richardson 21st Century School hosted Career Day as a way to broaden horizons for its young scholars. Presenters from various walks of life spent 30 minutes in different classrooms explaining their career and what is needed for students to meet their occupational goals. At the school, we had firefighters, a police officer, an artist, a Marine, a Pretrial Court Officer, a baker, a musician and many other presenters including some with links to the community like Mayor Diaz, Mrs. Roman, Edison Jaquez and speakers from the Mitruska Integrated Wellness Center and our local Animal Shelter. We also had a record

number of parent presenters linking parents to the school community.

This year we had 26 presenters but next year, our new Principal, Mr. Nieves, would like to start the planning process in September for a possible May or June date so we could make Career Day 2015 one of the biggest and best ever. The more students are exposed to various career choices, the more motivated they will be to think outside the box and see the potential in their lives. That is what we are hoping for with this educational and fun activity for our students.

If interested in presenting next year, please contact Linda Nagy at 732-376-6010. The staff and the students would love to hear all about your career!

Municipal Clerk's Week Jasko Acknowledges Congratulations on Behalf of Herself and Staff

NEW JERSEY - May 4th thru May 20th was recognized as Municipal Clerk's Weeks. At the May 14, 2014 Perth Amboy City Council Meeting, the Council thanked Elaine Jasko for the great job that she and her staff are doing. Resident Alan Silber said that the Municipal Clerks are very knowledgeable and when Elaine is not available, the other clerks step in just as well. Former Councilman Fernando Gonzalez congratulated City Clerk Elaine Jasko for the job she does every day.

As an aside F. Gonzalez also congratulated the Council on appointing Jillian Barrick as the new Business Administrator effective July 1, 2014. Gonzalez was also glad that Barrick will be moving into the City of Perth Amboy soon.



Elaine Jasko
Perth Amboy City Clerk

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 On Wednesday evenings.
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Ukrainian Cultural Festival

PERTH AMBOY - Assumption Catholic Church located at 684 Alta Vista Place, Perth Amboy, NJ will hold its annual Ukrainian Cultural Festival on the parish grounds on Saturday, June 21st, 2014 from 12 noon until 8 p.m. Based on last year's very successful 1000+ attendance by friends, families and local communities, we expect an even greater turnout this year. The festival will feature church tour, live entertainment, dancing, family activities, vendors, traditional Ukrainian homemade food/beer, raffles and more. Ukrainian dancers will perform at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. in the school hall. No charge for admission. No Outside Food or Drink Allowed. For vendors or more information call 732-826-0767 or visit us at www.assumptioncatholicchurch.net.

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Puerto Rican Festival - Rudyk Park, Perth Amboy - June 6,7 & 8, 2014

**Photos by Paul W. Wang & Eric Salvary*



PERTH AMBOY - The Puerto Rican Festival was held on June 6,7,&8 at Rudyk Park. This is the first time it was held at that venue. It was decided that a larger venue was needed to accommodate the large crowd expected for the performance of Latin Grammy Award Winning artist Jerry Rivera. As you can see in the photos, the Rudyk Park location was a wise choice. This also afforded the committee an opportunity to have more a variety of rides and vendors and enough space to move around and more space for the attendees to move around. Local youth groups volunteered there time to help with the cleanup and did a fantastic job. Mayor Wilda Diaz said that Rudyk Park would be a great venue for other organizations to have their festivals there who do not have their own facilities. As you can see above the weather was great and the turnout was even than the committee expected.

Celebrate The Amboy's Concert & Fireworks

SOUTH AMBOY - Thursday, July 3rd, 2014 at the Raritan Bay Waterfront Park John T. O'Leary Blvd. Free Concert starting at 6 p.m. featuring: "High Street Band," "The Dayton Five," "Brian O'Connor's All Star Band," 9:20 PM FIREWORKS DISPLAY. Bring Your Lawn Chair And Spend An Evening Under The Stars On The Beautiful Raritan Bay !! Free Shuttle Service To The Park Will Be Available From The Nj Transit Parking Lot And The Community School Lot On O'leary Blvd. Food Vendors Will Be Available As Will Children's Rides! Look For Our Stiltwalker!! For Additional Information Please Contact events@southamboynj.gov NOTICE FROM THE SOUTH AMBOY POLICE DEPARTMENT - ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PERMITTED. State Law prohibits the use of personal fireworks. This law will be STRICTLY ENFORCED. Pets are STRONGLY DISCOURAGED from being present during the fireworks performance. This is for both their safety and the safety of the general public.

The Wizard of Menlo Park

WOODBIDGE - Raconteur Radio presents "The Wizard of Menlo Park" on Tuesday, July 29 at 7:30 p.m. Raconteur Radio returns to the BAC this July commemorate the 350th anniversary of the state of New Jersey by celebrating one of its most notable residents. A staged radio drama that details the life of Thomas Alva Edison, complete with costumes, lighting & sound effects. Reservations Essential 732-634-0413.

Lego Drive

SOUTH AMBOY - The Sadie Pope Dowdell Library of South Amboy is looking for donations of LEGO's for future programs! We are asking that anyone that wishes to donate any regular model making size pieces to please drop them off at the library during our regular business hours. The library is located at 100 Harold G Hoffman Plaza off of O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to the High/Middle school. For hours and directions please visit our website at www.dowdell.org.

Ask the Rabbi

EDISON - On Thursdays, Rabbi Saks from Congregation Beth Mordecai, Perth Amboy is available for any and all questions from everyone at 12:10 pm at the food court in Menlo Park Mall in Edison.

Learning with the Rabbi

WOODBIDGE - Every Thursday, Rabbi Saks from Congregation Beth Mordecai, at 9 a.m. will be in the Woodbridge Panera Bread across from Wegmans.

Greek Festival - St. Demetrios Church, Perth Amboy - May 31, June 1&2, 2014

**Photos by Paul W. Wang*



Preparing the Meat for Gyros



A lot of great prizes! Good Luck!



Vendors sell plants and herbs



Performing Traditional Greek Folk Music



Dancers pose for a group photo



Entertaining the Guests



Workers take time to enjoy the music



Greek Pastries for sale



The audience participates in Greek Dancing

Italian Festival - Good Shepherd Parish at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church, Hopelawn, June 7, 2014

**Photos by Katherine Massopust*



Mrs. Rotella serves pasta & meatballs



Serving Italian Food



Italian Pastries for sale



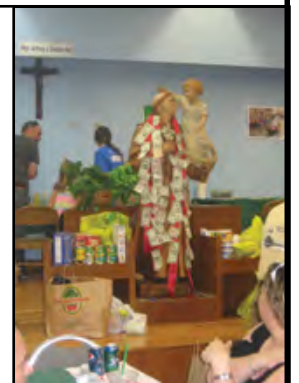
Karen Varela with Gary Rumpf



Toni Gianfrancesco & Benjamin Salerno



Picking the Raffle



St. Anthony of Padua



A full house



Enjoying the Festival



Good Food!

HIV Support

PERTH AMBOY — Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring an HIV support group meeting on Monday's at 6 p.m. Anyone diagnosed with or caring for someone infected with HIV is welcome to attend. Meetings are held at the hospital's Perth Amboy Division, New Brunswick Avenue.

To register or for more information, call (732) 324-5022.

Volunteers Needed for DVRT

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Police Department Domestic Response (DVRT) members are trained volunteers who meet with victims of domestic violence at Police Headquarters to provide information and support at the time of the reported incident or upon request.

WHY SHOULD I BECOME A VOLUNTEER?

- Make a difference in the lives of others
- Help break the cycle of domestic violence in the community
- Have a very fulfilling and rewarding experience
- Establish working relationship with the police department

- Be a positive role model
- Make your free time worthwhile

DO I NEED SPECIALIZED TRAINING?

Yes, The Perth Amboy Police Department will provide training to you at no expense. As a team member volunteer, you will initially receive forty hours of training, conducted over a six to eight week period. This training will give you an understanding of domestic violence and leave you prepared to respond and provide assistance to victims.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER?

- Valid New Jersey Driver's License
- Available transportation
- No Criminal History
- Good listening skills
- Ability to respect client confidentiality

Attend monthly meetings Team members work in conjunction with the police to provide victim support, information, and referral at time of a domestic violence crisis.

HOW DO I BECOME A VOLUNTEER?

- Contact Detective Liza Capo, Perth Amboy Police Department at 732-324-3815
- Contact Detective Sergeant Joseph Breyta, Perth Amboy Police Department at 732-324-3819

- Pick up an application at the PAPD, 365 New Brunswick Ave.

Exotic Car Show - Armory Restaurant, Perth Amboy 5/18/14

*Photos by Joe Bayona

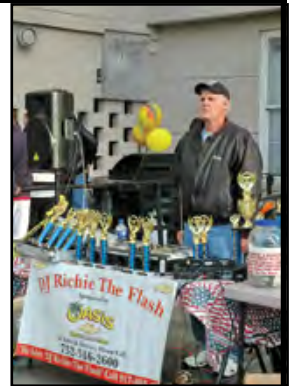


PERTH AMBOY - Seabra's Armory Restaurant Parking Lot was the venue for the Exotic Car Show. The backdrop of the Waterfront along with the fantastic sunny weather gave an extra ambiance to the cars displayed. Over 30 Cars were on display. Entertainment by the Rollbacks. The event was sponsored by the Perth Amboy Police Department and proceeds went to benefit the Department's Project Lifesaver Program. The Program allows those suffering from Alzheimer's, Autism or other similar conditions to have a small, personal tracking device around their wrist or ankle that will trained personnel to locate that person if they are missing. This has cut down on the time locating a person who has this device by several hours. For more info Google: Life Saver Program.



Alameda Car Show - Perth Amboy 5/13/14

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Knitting Circle
 SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a Knitting Circle on the first and third Tuesday each month at 6 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-72 1-6060.

Dominican Festival
 PERTH AMBOY - The United Dominicans of Perth Amboy will be having a Dominican Festival on Friday, August 15 from 5 p.m. to 10 a.m.; Saturday, August 16 from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, August 17 from 12 noon to 9 p.m. Parking available in the Municipal Parking Lot (Next to Wilentz School Field).

Cat Pajamas at the Resorts Casino Trip
 SAYREVILLE - Sayreville Seniors Thursday Club Presents Cat Pajamas at the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City, Sunday, June 22. \$25 pp. Show ticket plus \$10 slot play. Bus Leaves Sedlak Parking Lot at 11 a.m. and returns approx. 9 p.m. Any questions or for reservations please call Jack or Ann at: 732-254-7263. Please make checks payable to: Jack Floersch, 12 Nimitz Place, Sayreville, NJ 08872. None Members Welcome.

Ladies Auxiliary of Sayreville #4699
 SAYREVILLE - The Ladies Auxiliary of Sayreville #4699 will hold their monthly meeting on June 24, at 7 p.m. at the post Hall. All auxiliary members are invited to come to our meeting. Bring your ideas and suggestions to our meeting. For more info call 732-264-3041.

Home Gardener's Contest
 PERTH AMBOY - 2014 Perth Amboy Home Gardener's Contest Sponsored By The Royal Garden Club By The Bay. Contest is open to amateur gardeners only. Apply by June 30, 2014. Contact: The Royal Garden Club By The Bay; C/O Betty Crews, 557 Neville Street; Perth Amboy, New Jersey 08861. For Additional Info call: Betty Crews (848) 203-4642. All winners must agree to have their names and gardens used in publicity about the contest. Judging Dates: July 14 and July 15, 2014. Prizes: First: \$100.00; Second: \$50.00; Third: \$25.00.

Sweet Sounds of Summer

FREE ADMISSION
 Bring your blankets or lawn chairs.
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PTO Teacher of the Year- Perth Amboy
 *Photo by Paul W. Wang



PERTH AMBOY - PAHS Art Teacher Mary Stepash was honored by the PTO as Teacher of the Year for 2014

Tax Facts

Tips For Managing Growth In Your Business

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka

Successful businesses are created by entrepreneurs, but as the businesses mature, their creators can turn into their biggest obstacles.

The problem tends to manifest differently in product and service businesses. In service firms, revenues often grow steadily for a time and then hit an invisible ceiling. The ceiling almost always is the product of the owner's unwillingness to (a) delegate work, and/or (b) acknowledge that his or her expertise at providing the firm's services doesn't necessarily extend to other aspects of the business, such as management, marketing, finance, or accounting.

To avoid the ceiling, service entrepreneurs should hire professional staff with the potential to equal or exceed their own expertise. They should assign challenging tasks to these employees, allow them to proceed with minimal interference, and provide them with every opportunity for professional growth. They should also consider hiring specialists (or engaging outside providers) to handle indirect functions such as marketing and accounting and be willing to act on the specialists' findings and recommendations.

Providers of products may have other types of growth problems. Sales orders might increase beyond the firm's capacity to deliver, or a focus on increasing revenues might divert attention from mushrooming expenses and waste. Production, distribution, or marketing issues might be overlooked due to an owner's obsession with continual innovation. Conversely, excessive concentration on production and sales might mask the possibility that the company's product is becoming obsolete.

A growing business requires infrastructure – supply chains; production capacity; research and development; distribution networks; marketing, management, finance, and accounting processes – that must grow in proportion to sales. Without such concurrent growth, the business will collapse from its own weight. Owners cannot achieve this alone; they must hire employees and/or outside providers with expertise in each function.

The underlying concept is simple: to grow your business, learn to let go.

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St. Peter's Fashion Show - RYC Perth Amboy 5/22/14

**Photos by Eric Salvary*



**Beach Blanket
Bingo**

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks #784 at 601 Washington Ave. is hosting a Beach Blanket Bingo event on Sunday, June 29th. The event will run from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be a lunch menu available from noon to 1:00 p.m. Bring a wrapped summer themed gift to enter and receive two (2) free bingo cards. Admission without a gift is \$5.00 and includes one (1) free bingo card. All proceeds will benefit the Army of Hope. The Army of Hope assists families who have had a father or mother called to active duty with the military reserve or National Guard. For additional information call 732-727-7170

**Arrest of
Governor
William
Franklin**

PERTH AMBOY - The Arrest of Governor William Franklin by the patriot forces of Colonel Heard will be performed at the Royal Governor's Home/Proprietary House, 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, June 22nd. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served.

Flea Market

SAYREVILLE - The Ladies Auxiliary of Sayreville #4699 of 575 Jernee Mill Road, are holding a Flea Market on August 16 2014 with a Rain Date of August 17, 2014 at 8AM to 3 PM. & 15.00 will hold a space for you. This will help our servicemen and women overseas by sending them care packages every month. For more information call Lorraine Rock at 609-448- 2587.

**DVD
& Recorded
Media Drive**

SOUTH AMBOY - Your spring cleaning is done and you're wondering what to do with all of those unwanted DVDS, CDS, and video games. How about donating them to South Amboy's Sadie Pope Dowdell Library? The Library Foundation DVD and Media drive is on-going, with collection boxes at the South Amboy Y, Madura Pharmacy, and the library.

This is an on-going program and your generous contributions enable the library to increase its resources for the residents of South Amboy. All donations are fully tax deductible and the Dowdell Library Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. Please call (732)721-6060 for library hours. To schedule a pick-up for larger collections, please contact Grace at 732-721-6592. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Outdoor
Flea Market**

WOODBIDGE - The Barron Arts Center Annual Outdoor Flea Market will be on Saturday July 12 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Rain or Shine! Benefits the Woodbridge Township Cultural Arts Commission & future programming at the Barron Arts Center. For Vendor info call 732-634-0413.

**Summer
Barbecue**

SAYREVILLE - There will be a Summer Barbecue at the Sayreville United Methodist Church, 406 Main St, Sayreville, on Saturday, July 12 from 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. The cost is Adult: \$10 Seniors/Students/Children: \$8. Dinner includes: Chicken or Hamburgers or Hot Dogs, Salad, Macaroni or Potato Salad, Beverage, Cake or Ice Cream. For questions or tickets, please contact: Christine Glace at (732)613-8768.

Car Show

WOODBIDGE - Raritan Bay Cruisers Car Show starting on Tuesdays from May 13 to Sept. 30 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Weather Permitting at Pizza Hut, Rte. 9, Woodbridge (Walmart Parking Lot) 50/50s & Trophy's Awarded. For More Info Call 732-585-7365

**Local Band
Thursday**

WOODBIDGE - Woodbridge Bands take the stage at Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. FREE Parking at NJT Parking Lot. Live Entertainment Featuring LOCAL Bands and Musicians. Enjoy Great Music "Under the Stars" and "On the Lawn." Show time at 7:30 p.m. FREE ADMISSION with a donation of Nonperishable Food Items for "We Feed Woodbridge Food Banks" Beer & Wine for sale by Riffy's. June 19 - Smoke & Mirrors. Inclement weather hotline - 732-602-6045.

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Novena to St. Rita

O holy protectress of those who art in greatest need, thou who shineth as a star of hope in the midst of darkness, blessed Saint Rita, bright mirror of God's grace, in patience and fortitude thou art a model of all the states in life. I unite my will with the will of God through the merits of my Savior Jesus Christ, and in particular through his patient wearing of the crown of thorns, which with tender devotion thou didst daily contemplate. Through the merits of the holy Virgin Mary and thine own graces and virtues, I ask thee to obtain my earnest petition, provided it be for the greater glory of God and my own sanctification. Guide and purify my intention, O holy protectress and advocate, so that I may obtain the pardon of all my sins and the grace to persevere daily, as thou didst in walking with courage, generosity, and fidelity down the path of life. (*Mention your request.*)

Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us.
 Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us.
Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each.
K.M. & C.M.

Mayor's Fluke Tournament

WOODBIDGE -The Mayor John E. McCormac Fluke Tournament will be on Saturday, June 14 from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sewaren Boat Launch. \$125 per boat. Mandatory captains meeting at the Woodbridge Elks, 665 Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge on Friday, June 13 at 7 p.m. For more info call the Rec. Dept. at 732-596-4048. The proceeds will go to seven year old Megan Knight Manheimer who is diagnosed with an optic glioma, an inoperable brain tumor and a seizure disorder.

Saint Stan's Carnival

SAYREVILLE - The Parish Carnival Grounds located on Main Street and Macarthur Avenue, Sayreville, Wed., June 18th from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Thursday June 19th from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, June 20th; Food Tent Opens At 5 p.m. Carnival is open from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday June 21st is Alumni Night - open from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tickets are available in the Church Lobby before and after Masses. Food, Fun and Entertainment for everyone. Radio Broadcasts. For more info call 732-254-0212.

City Wide Yard Sale Correction

SOUTH AMBOY - The City Wide Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, June 21 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All South Amboy Residents can participate at no cost just by flying blue and white balloons at their home to alert shoppers! No registration necessary! For more info email events@southamboynj.gov. Sponsored by the City of South Amboy.

The 37th Annual Frog Hollow 5K Run & Health Walk

SOUTH AMBOY - "The Run Through the Streets of South Amboy Hills & Flats" The event will be timed and there will be 2 water stations. There will be a free youth Fun Run, awards, t-shirts, post race picnic, and all day swimming and tennis. The run will be held on Saturday, June 28. Rain or Shine! \$20 Advanced Registration, \$25 at the Gates. Frog Hollow Swim and Tennis Club is located on Ferris St. off of South Pine Ave. in South Amboy, NJ. For more info call 732-727-9094 or go to www.froghollowswim.com.
 7:30 a.m. -Registration Begins
 8:30 a.m.- Fun Run Starts
 9:00 a.m. - 5K Run Starts
 9:15 a.m. - Health Walk Starts
 10:00 a.m. - Awards
 11:00 a.m. - Picnic Begins
 All proceeds will be given to the South Amboy First Aid Squad and South Amboy Fire Department evenly.

Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

- WED. Jun. 18 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
 - Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
 - St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
 - Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
- THURS. Jun. 19 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Jun. 23 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Jun. 24 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
 - Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Jun. 25 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
 - Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
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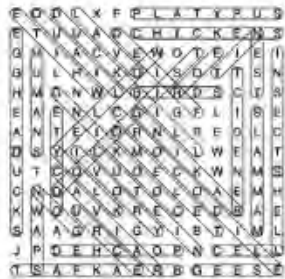
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- MON. Jul. 7 St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- WED. Jul. 9 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

Attn: If Your Club changes Your Schedule due to the Holidays Please give us two weeks notice! 732-896-4446 or 732-261-2610

Please Submit Community Events 2 Weeks in Advance!

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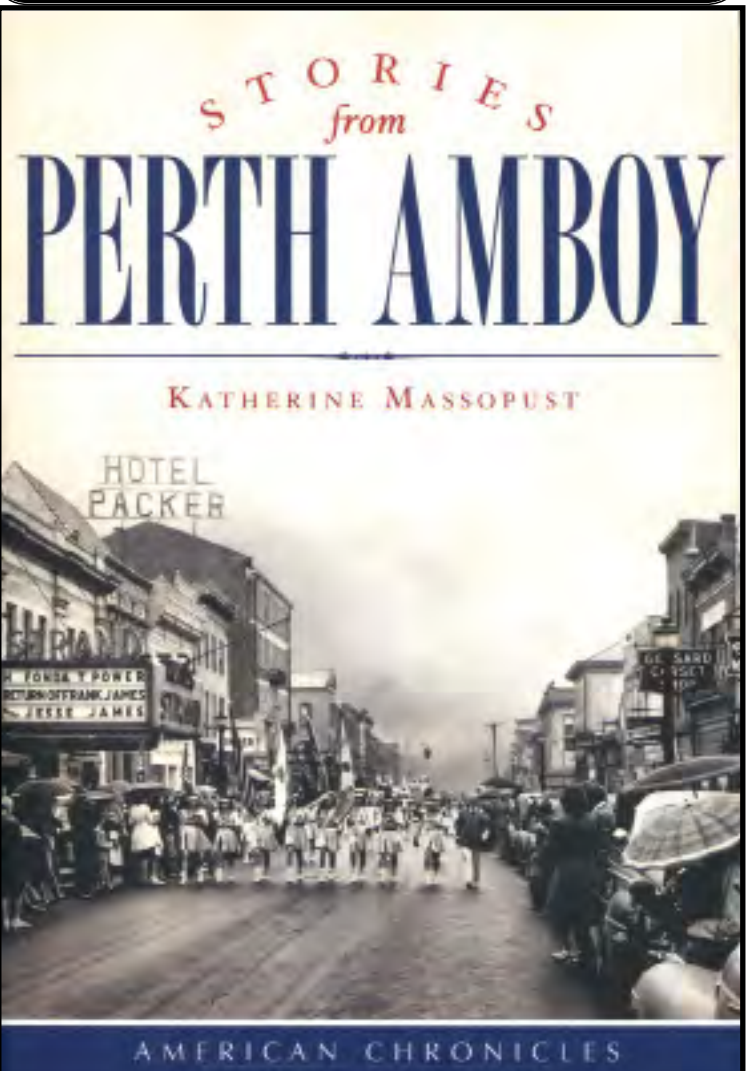


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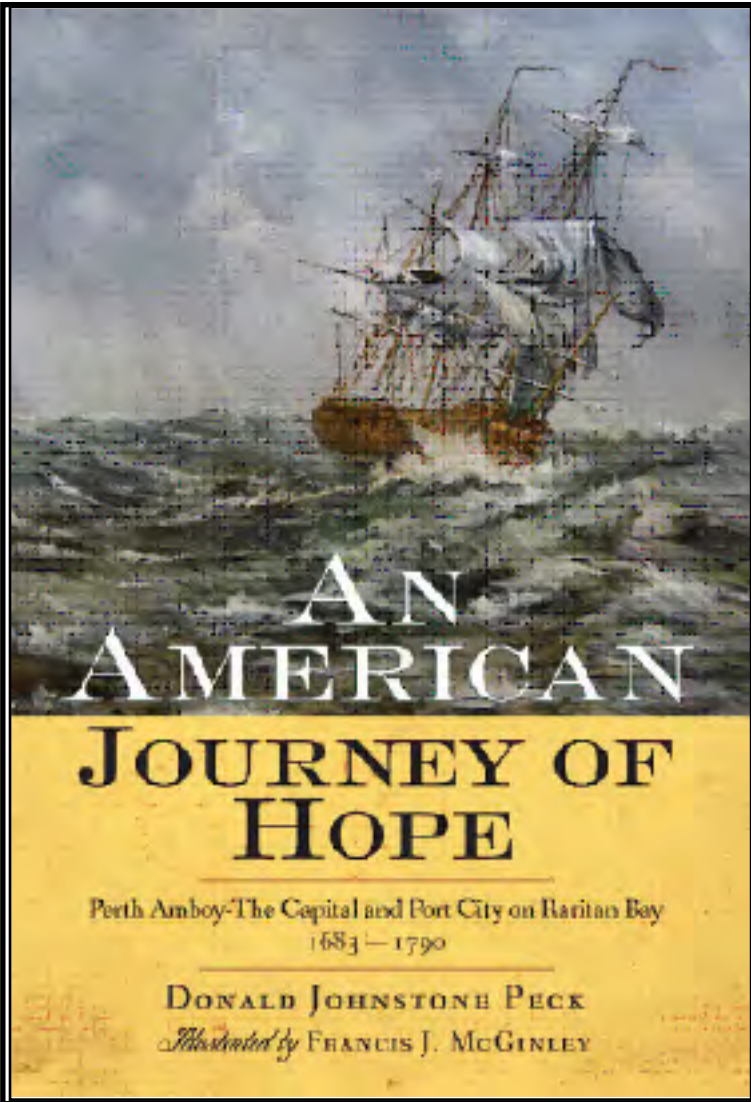
SEWAREN – C.R.R. of NJ Bridge "The Hole in the Wall" circa 1890's

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